

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for monitoring the removal of a selvedge cut off from an edge of a textile fabric web, at the exit from a stretcher frame, said frame having means for vacuuming away the cut-off selvedge and means for monitoring the removal, the method comprising the steps of:

passing the selvedge over an easily moved wheel that is entrained by the transported selvedge, and detecting a direction of rotation of the wheel.

2. A device for monitoring the removal of a selvedge cut off from the edge of a textile fabric web, at the exit from a stretcher frame, comprising:

a device for vacuuming away the cut-off selvedge;

a device for monitoring removal of the selvedge; and

an easily moved wheel arranged within a vacuum pipe so that the selvedge is laid on a periphery of the wheel and entrains the wheel.

3. A device according to claim 2, wherein the wheel has a detector for registering a direction of rotation of the wheel.

4. A device according to claim 3, wherein the detector is assigned to an optical or acoustical signal emitter and/or a switch for shutting down the stretcher frame.

5. A device according to claim 2, wherein a photo eye for registering the presence or absence of a cut-off selvage is assigned to the vacuum pipe, in addition to the easily moved wheel.